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AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY POLICY SPEECH, STATE ELECTIONS,
MARCH, 1973.

DELIVERED AT THE NORWOOD TOWN HALL ON FEBRUARY 19TH
BY THE PREMIER, DON DUNSTAN.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S DOING WELL WITH LABOR.

IT WILL DO BETTER.

WHEN IN 1970 AT THE STATE ELECTIONS I DELIVERED THE LABOR PARTY'S
POLICY SPEECH, NEWSPAPERS QUERIED WHETHER A LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD
BE CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING SUCH A FAR-RANGING AND AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME.

TODAY WE CAN STAND BEFORE YOU AND SAY THAT NOT ONLY HAVE WE
CARRIED OUT THE POLICIES FOR WHICH WE WERE ELECTED, BUT WE HAVE
ACHIEVED EVEN MORE.

AND WE HAVE DONE SO WITH A CABINET AND A PARTY WHICH IS UNIFIED,
PURPOSEFUL, COMPETENT, AND DEDICATED TO SERVING THE PEOPLE OF THIS
STATE.

TONIGHT WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION WE HAVE
LAID.

WE ASK YOU TO GIVE US THE RIGHT TO GET ON WITH THE JOB.
OUR PROGRAMME AGAIN DEMANDS OF US DETERMINATION AND HARD WORK.

WE SEEK A STATE THAT GIVES ITS PEOPLE SECURITY -

A STATE IN WHICH EVERYONE WILLING TO WORK CAN FIND EMPLOYMENT;
A STATE IN WHICH EVERYONE CAN AFFORD AND FIND GOOD HOUSING;
A STATE WITH A STABLE, PROTECTED, AND NURTURED ENVIRONMENT;
A STATE WHERE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PROPERLY EDUCATED;
A STATE THAT CARES AND WORKS FOR THE SICK, THE LONELY, THE
DISPOSSESSED AND FOR THE ELIMINATION OF POVERTY AND PRIVATION.

AND WE DEMAND A STATE WHICH GIVES ITS PEOPLE LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY -
A STATE WHERE PEOPLE'S VOTES ARE EQUALLY VALUED;
WHERE THEIR RIGHTS TO PRIVACY ARE GUARANTEED;

WHERE PEOPLE CAN PROPERLY PARTICIPATE AND VOTE ON THE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR LIVES, THEIR HOMES, THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD, AND THEIR COMMUNITY.

ELECTORAL POLICY

WE WILL ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO ACHIEVE DEMOCRACY IN OUR PARLIAMENT. OUR FIRM POLICY FOR ALL ELECTIONS IS THAT THERE MUST BE ONE MAN ONE VOTE, AND ONE VOTE ONE VALUE.

IN THIS, WE WILL INSIST THAT IN ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THERE SHALL BE ADULT SUFFRAGE, COMPULSORY ENROLMENT AND VOTING, AND SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS WITH THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FOR THE HALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RETIRING EACH ASSEMBLY ELECTION.

DEVELOPMENT

WE ARE WORKING FOR A STABLE SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE LABOR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THIS STATE INDUSTRIALLY.

BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SAKE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OR GROWTH.

RATHER, OUR POLICIES ARE DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S ECONOMY AND TO PROVIDE JOB SECURITY. TO DO THIS WE MUST DIVERSIFY OUR INDUSTRIES AND FIND A GREATER VARIETY OF PRODUCTS, AND MARKETS IN WHICH TO SELL THEM.

THE GOVERNMENT'S 'GAPS STUDY' HAS INDICATED WHICH INDUSTRIES CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY BE ESTABLISHED HERE. OUR INITIATIVES IN SEEKING MARKETS OVERSEAS, APPOINTING OVERSEAS TRADE AGENTS AND OFFICERS, AND ESTABLISHING THE INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE CORPORATION AND INDUSTRIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE, HAVE PROVED SUCCESSFUL.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTED FACTORY BUILDING IS NOW MORE THAN DOUBLE THE RATE REACHED DURING THE LAST YEAR OF THE L.C.L. GOVERNMENT.

A \$40 MILLION DOLLAR LUBE-CRACKING REFINERY AT PORT STANVAC IS GOING AHEAD.

FURTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS WILL OCCUR OVER THE NEXT EIGHTEEN MONTHS, WITH DECENTRALIZATION BEING A FUNDAMENTAL PLANNING AIM.

REGIONAL GROWTH CENTERS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S SECOND REGIONAL GROWTH CENTER WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE INDUSTRIAL INTEGRATION OF THE THREE NORTHERN CITIES ON OUR 'IRON TRIANGLE' - PORT PIRIE, PORT AUGUSTA, WHYALLA.

AS A TAKE-OFF POINT, AND THE BASIS FOR A COMPLEX OF NEW INDUSTRIES IN THOSE CITIES, THE GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF NEGOTIATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AT REDCLIFFS, SEVENTEEN MILES SOUTH OF PORT AUGUSTA, OF A THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY OF WORLD SCALE, TOGETHER WITH A FULLY INTEGRATED REFINERY TO TREAT COOPER BASIN AND IMPORTED CRUDE OIL.

THESE ENORMOUS WORKS WILL HAVE THEIR OWN PORT FACILITY.

A LIQUID GAS PIPELINE WILL BE LAID TO REDCLIFFS, AND NATURAL GAS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE THREE CITIES.

THE WORKS WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID ECOLOGICAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE OR POLLUTION IN THE GENERAL AREA.

A THIRD REGIONAL GROWTH CENTER WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE SOUTH EAST. THIS 'GREEN TRIANGLE' WILL TAKE IN THE TOWNS OF MOUNT GAMBIER, PENOLA, MILLICENT AND NARACORTE

BOTH CENTERS ARE TO BE PROPOSED TO THE COMMONWEALTH AS COUNTRY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.

MONARTO

THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO LIMITING THE GROWTH AND SIZE OF ADELAIDE, AND TO THE PROTECTION OF ITS URBAN ENVIRONMENT. TO

ACHIEVE THIS WE WILL PRESS ON WITH THE BUILDING OF THE NEW CITY ON THE MURRAY.

BY POPULAR DEMAND, IT WILL BE RENAMED MONARTO.

TOURISM, ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTER

TO DEVELOP A NEW EMPLOYMENT BASE, WE HAVE MARKEDLY INCREASED INVESTMENT AND ACTIVITY IN TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. TO OUR GROWING LIST OF THESE, WE WILL ADD AN ABORIGINES CULTURAL CENTER NEAR WELLINGTON ON THE MURRAY. IT WILL CONTAIN AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST COLLECTION OF ABORIGINAL HISTORY AND CULTURE AND BE A PLACE OF WHICH BOTH WHITE AND BLACK AUSTRALIANS WILL BE PROUD.

THE ENVIRONMENT

SOUTH AUSTRALIA TODAY LEADS THE NATION IN TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING AND IN THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD, BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW MUCH THERE IS TO DO, AND ARE PREPARED TO DO IT.

WE WILL UNDERTAKE -

- . A LAND USE SURVEY OF THE WHOLE STATE. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO ENSURE THAT BEFORE LAND IS DEVELOPED IN ANY WAY, ITS VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AND ITS ECOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE IS CONSIDERED.
- . ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED. THESE WILL LIST THE EXAMINATIONS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OR APPROVAL OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS.
- . OUR FORESHORES WILL BE PROTECTED.
- . WE WILL INCREASE THE PURCHASE OF AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCE, DEDICATING THEM FOR USE AS NATIONAL OR CONSERVATION PARKS. MANAGEMENT PLANS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL STATE PARKS.
- . AIR POLLUTION WILL BE REDUCED UNDER REGULATIONS BROUGHT INTO FORCE IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR.
- . WE WILL SEEK THE CO-OPERATION OF THE OTHER STATES IN IMPOSING TIGHTER CONTROLS ON VEHICLE EXHAUST EMISSIONS.

- . LAND DISTURBED BY MINING AND QUARRYING WILL BE REHABILITATED.
- . WE WILL DEVELOP 5,000 ACRES OF METROPOLITAN LAND FOR SPORT AND RECREATION. EARLY PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR THE O'HALLORAN HILL, SALISBURY NORTH, ISLINGTON AND SCOTT CREEK AREAS.
- . NEW DEVELOPMENT PLANS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN FOR COUNTRY AREAS, INCLUDING THE FAR NORTH.
- . WE WILL COMMISSION A SURVEY INTO THE RECREATION NEEDS OF THE RIVER MURRAY.
- . WE WILL CONTINUE OUR REVIEW OF THE METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND ASSESS ITS LONG-TERM GOALS IN THE LIGHT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF MONARTO.
- . REHABILITATION GRANTS WILL BE MADE TO HOME OWNERS IN SPECIFIED CITY AREAS, AND URBAN PLANNING, REDEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IN THIS, CITIZENS IN AFFECTED AREAS WILL BE CONSULTED AND INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS THROUGHOUT.
- . WE WILL ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE. THIS MULTI-DISCIPLINE BODY WILL PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVICE AND RESEARCH FOR GOVERNMENTS AND INDUSTRY.

WE WILL LEGISLATE TO -

- . PREVENT UNSIGHTLY ADVERTISING.
- . CONTROL AND REDUCE NOISE POLLUTION.
- . PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS IN HISTORY PRESERVATION.
- . ESTABLISH A WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE AND CO-ORDINATE THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES.

HOUSING

WE HAVE SPENT RECORD AMOUNTS ON PUBLIC HOUSING - IN FACT, TWICE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL LABOR GOVERNMENT MEANS THAT WE WILL INCREASE THIS ACHIEVEMENT MARKEDLY. WE WILL SET NEW RECORDS IN PROVIDING PUBLIC HOUSING.

ONE MAJOR NEW PROJECT WILL BE THE IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT OF A SCHEME TO PROVIDE PRE-FABRICATED RENTAL HOUSING OF HIGH STANDARD IN PARK SETTINGS. THIS WILL OCCUR ON TRANSPORT-CORRIDOR LAND NOT REQUIRED FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. IN ADDITION, TO LESSEN TRANSPORT COSTS AND TO PROVIDE GREATER CHOICE IN LOW-COST HOUSING, WE WILL BUILD WORKERS HOUSING IN CITY AND INNER SUBURBAN AREAS.

HOUSING: A.C.T.U.

WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY USED STATE-OWNED LAND TO INDUCE INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. AT WEST LAKES THIS IS ALREADY PROVIDING HOUSING. A SIMILAR SCHEME IS UNDERWAY AT NORTH HAVEN.

AS A CONTINUATION OF THIS POLICY, WE WILL OVER A PERIOD MAKE UP TO 300 ACRES OF LAND IN THE NOARLUNGA AREA AVAILABLE TO THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADES UNIONS TO USE FOR LOW-COST WORKER HOUSING.

THE PRICE OF LAND

LABOR WILL KEEP THE PRICE OF LAND DOWN.

WE WILL NOT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA ALLOW METROPOLITAN LAND PRICES TO ESCALATE AS THEY HAVE DONE IN SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND PERTH.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMONWEALTH, LAND WILL BE PURCHASED, SUB-DIVIDED AND PLACED ON THE MARKET BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF LAND AT A REASONABLE PRICE.

IF THIS MEASURE DOES NOT HALT THE ESCALATION, PRICE CONTROL OF LAND WILL BE INTRODUCED. WE WILL PEG PRICES AT A SPECIFIC DATE AND ALLOW THEREAFTER ONLY INCREASES IN VALUE THROUGH DEVELOPMENT COSTS AND

CHANGES IN GENERAL MONETARY VALUE.

HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF HOSPITALS ARE FUNDAMENTAL CONCERNS OF LABOR.

AS WITH HOUSING, IN THE LAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS, WE HAVE SPENT A RECORD AMOUNT ON HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BUILDING, AND PLANNING.

OUR CURRENT ONE-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAMME IS PROVIDING SOUTH AUSTRALIANS WITH PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES OF ACKNOWLEDGED WORLD CLASS. WE HAVE ALSO IMPROVED THE CONDITIONS OF NURSES AND OTHER HOSPITAL PERSONNEL SO THAT RECRUITMENT HAS MARKEDLY IMPROVED.

TO ENSURE WE RECEIVED THE BEST POSSIBLE ADVICE ON THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF OUR HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES, THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYED AN EXPERT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JUSTICE BRIGHT. THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT HAS NOW BEEN PUBLISHED. IT IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF ITS KIND EVER MADE IN THIS COUNTRY. AFTER CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED, IT WILL BE USED TO SET GUIDELINES THAT ENSURE ALL THOSE IN NEED OF HEALTH CARE WILL RECEIVE IT. THE BRIGHT COMMITTEE'S REPORT WILL THEREFORE BE THE BASIS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY FOR THE ENSUING TERM OF PARLIAMENT.

FAMILY PLANNING AND CRECHES

AND WE GIVE TWO FURTHER UNDERTAKINGS. WE WILL INCREASE OUR HELP TO FAMILY PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, AND ASSIST IN THE ORGANIZATION OF CRECHES FOR THE CHILDREN OF WORKING PARENTS.

EDUCATION

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD IN EDUCATION IS THE BEST IN AUSTRALIA. THIS YEAR, FOR INSTANCE, WE WILL SPEND MORE THAN DOUBLE THE FIGURE FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS BUDGETED FOR IN THE LAST YEAR OF THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT.

OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS WE WILL WORK WITH THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMMISSION IN EXTENDING AND CONSOLIDATING OUR SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME, IN TEACHER TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF ANCILLARY STAFF, AND IN THE EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS.

WE WILL BEGIN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSAL AND FREE SYSTEM OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION, AND WILL FACILITATE THE EXPANSION OF ENROLMENTS AT THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS COLLEGE. WE WILL JOINTLY FINANCE THE EXPANSION OF THE COLLEGE, AND WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PRE-SCHOOLS COMMISSION IN ENSURING NEW KINDERGARTENS ARE PROVIDED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN DISADVANTAGED AND NEWLY DEVELOPING AREAS.

IN THE LIFE OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT, SECONDARY BOOK ALLOWANCES WILL RISE BY AN AVERAGE OF \$6 PER STUDENT AT A RATE OF \$2 PER ANNUM.

IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, THE EFFECTIVE EXPANSION OF THE BOOK LOAN SCHEME, TOGETHER WITH THE INCREASED ALLOWANCES, WILL PERMIT ALL TEXT BOOK COSTS TO BE MET BY THE GOVERNMENT.

OVER THE THREE YEARS WE WILL PROGRESSIVELY ELIMINATE FEES IN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND WILL MEET A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF STATIONERY COSTS. THE ONLY COSTS TO BE MET BY PARENTS WILL BE THOSE ARISING FROM EXCESSIVE STATIONERY USE, AND THE USE OF CERTAIN CRAFT MATERIALS.

ASSISTANCE TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL SCHOOLS WILL BE EXPANDED OVER THREE YEARS TO REACH 20% OF THE COST OF RUNNING A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, AFTER ALLOWING FOR THE HIGH STATE BOOK ALLOWANCE. THE INCREASE IN FUNDS

OVER AND ABOVE THE 1970 PER CAPITA PAYMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ALLOCATED ON A NEEDS BASIS.

WE WILL ESTABLISH A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH TO TAKE OVER AND DEVELOP THE LONG TERM PLANNING AND RESEARCH FUNCTIONS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARIES

WITH LIBRARIES, WE WILL RAISE THE MAXIMUM LIMIT OF SUBSIDY FOR A COUNCIL SUBSIDISED LIBRARY TO \$40,000 FOR THE FIRST LIBRARY AND \$20,000 FOR A SUBSEQUENT LIBRARY. THE LIMITS OF SUBSIDY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS WILL BE EXTENDED IMMEDIATELY.

LAW AND PENAL REFORM

THE SAFETY OF CITIZENS AND THEIR PROPERTY WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE PRIME AIM OF THE POLICE FORCE - REORGANIZATION TO THIS END HAS ALREADY BEEN PUBLICISED.

THE CRIMINAL AND PENAL REFORM COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY JUSTICE MITCHELL WILL REPORT SOON ON A COMPLETE REFORMATION OF OUR PENAL SYSTEM, AND THE COMPLETE OVERHAUL AND MODERNIZING OF OUR CRIMINAL LAW AND ITS ADMINISTRATION. THE PROPOSALS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AND REFORMS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

COMMUNITY WELFARE

WE HAVE GREATLY INCREASED OUR SPENDING ON COMMUNITY WELFARE. NOW WE PROPOSE -

- . A SYSTEM OF SPECIAL CARE SERVICES FOR MULTI-DEPRIVED AND VULNERABLE FAMILIES.
- . SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO SOLE PARENTS.

- . FOUR NEW COMMUNITY WELFARE CENTERS IN THE CITY, FOUR IN THE COUNTRY.
- . THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS IN ALL AREAS TO PROVIDE ACTION WHEN THERE IS A GAP IN TOTAL SERVICES.
- . THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ABORIGINES TASK FORCE,
- . AND FURTHER SUBSIDIES FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY YOUTH AND RECREATION FACILITIES.

SUPERANNUATION

AT THE LAST ELECTION WE PROMISED A REVISION OF THE STATE SUPERANNUATION ACT. THE REVISION PROPOSALS ARE NEARING COMPLETION. THE LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT, FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION FEDERATION.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE

OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS ARE DEDICATED AND EFFICIENT, BUT IT IS MANY YEARS SINCE THE STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE WAS OVERHAULED. WE WILL APPOINT A FULL-SCALE ENQUIRY INTO THE STRUCTURE, CONDITIONS, ACCOMMODATION AND RECRUITMENT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, AND WE WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROVIDE THAT ALL POSITIONS AND CONDITIONS IN THE SERVICE ARE NOT ONLY IN LAW, BUT IN EFFECT, OPEN TO WOMEN.

PENSIONERS

PENSIONERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR REDUCTIONS IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATES AND TAXES. THESE REDUCTIONS WILL NOW OCCUR WITHOUT THE TEST ON THE INCOME OF THOSE LIVING WITH THE PENSIONER. THE CONCESSION FARES AVAILABLE IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL ON PRIVATELY RUN COUNTRY BUSES. WE WILL SUBSIDISE THESE FARES AND THE CONCESSION

WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE 1ST JULY.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE ONE ANNUAL FREE RAIL VOUCHER TO QUALIFIED PENSIONERS FOR TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE STATE. IT WILL BE USABLE AT ANY TIME, OTHER THAN DURING THE CHRISTMAS, EASTER OR SCHOOL VACATION PERIODS.

RAILWAYS

NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING WITH THE COMMONWEALTH CONCERNING A POSSIBLE TAKEOVER OF THE STATE COUNTRY AND INTERSTATE RAILWAY SYSTEMS. IN THIS, WE ARE ENSURING THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THE EMPLOYMENT OF RAILWAY WORKERS AND THE SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AREAS.

IN THE EVENT OF A CONCLUSION OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, A NEW DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MANAGE ALL URBAN TRANSPORT IN THE STATE WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC PLANNING

CITIES CANNOT WORK IF THEIR CITIZENS CANNOT MOVE. WE STOPPED THE FOLLY OF THE M.A.T.S. PLAN WITH ITS CONCENTRATION ON FREEWAYS AND THE PRIVATE MOTOR CAR. NOW TO IMPROVE ADELAIDE'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM, WE WILL UNDERTAKE -

- THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOUBLE TRACK SUBURBAN RAIL-LINE TO CHRISTIE DOWNS, WITH PROVISION FOR EXPRESS SERVICES.
- SUBJECT TO THE BUREAU OF TRANSPORT'S ECONOMICS EVALUATION, THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN UNDERGROUND SUBWAY THROUGH THE CITY OF ADELAIDE, AND THE PROVISION OF A RAPID-TRANSIT SYSTEM TO THE NORTH EASTERN SUBURBS VIA THE MODBURY CORRIDOR.
- THE INTRODUCTION OF EXPRESS ROUTES USING RESERVED BUS LANES TO SUBURBS SUCH AS INGLE FARM, GRANGE AND WEST LAKES.

- IMPROVEMENTS TO METROPOLITAN BUS OPERATIONS INCLUDING A PILOT CITY-CENTER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; A BUS SERVICE LINKING MAJOR TRANSPORT TERMINALS, SHOPPING AND BUSINESS AREAS; AND AN EXPERIMENTAL DEMAND-ACTIVATED BUS SYSTEM IN THE METROPOLITAN SUBURBS.
- THE CONVERSION OF PART OF RUNDLE STREET TO A PEDESTRIAN MALL.
- THE PREPARATION OF TWO MAJOR PLANNING DOCUMENTS COVERING PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA, AND PASSENGER AND GOODS TRANSPORT FOR THE STATE.
- NEW REFORMS IN THE CONTROL, FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORT, INCLUDING A PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN TRANSPORT PLANNING.

THE RIVER MURRAY

OUR MAJOR WATER RESOURCE IS THE RIVER MURRAY, AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE MAINTAIN BOTH ADEQUATE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SUPPLY. ON MARCH 2ND THE PARTIES TO THE RIVER MURRAY WATERS AGREEMENT WILL MEET TO EXAMINE THE MEANS BY WHICH WE CAN ENSURE PROPER CONTROL OF THE QUALITY OF WATER RECEIVED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA. A REVISION OF THE RIVER MURRAY WATERS AGREEMENT WILL ALSO BE EXAMINED. THE RIVER MURRAY COMMISSION IS ALREADY EXAMINING FURTHER POSSIBLE CONSERVATION WORKS ON THE RIVER, INCLUDING CHOWILLA.

WATER SUPPLY

WITH OUR WATER SUPPLY IN GENERAL, EXISTING AND APPROVED WORKS WILL ENSURE THAT SUPPLIES ARE ADEQUATE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. A LONG-TERM ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE'S WATER RESOURCES IS IN PROGRESS, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION BEING PAID TO THE RESOURCES OF THE LOWER SOUTH EAST FOR USE IN THAT AREA. WE NOW KNOW IT HAS SUFFICIENT WATER TO SUPPORT A POPULATION OF 280,000.

IN 1971, WE RECEIVED A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON PROPOSALS FOR THE FILTRATION OF ADELAIDE'S WATER. IT INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN TREATMENT PLANTS AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$35 MILLION DOLLARS. THESE PROPOSALS WERE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE IN 1972, AND PLANNING FOR THE FIRST STAGES OF THE WORK IS UNDERWAY.

FILTRATION IS NOW AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENT IN ADELAIDE.

THE NEW FEDERAL LABOR GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME ON THE SAME BASIS AS IT WILL HELP WITH SEWERAGE WORKS IN OTHER CITIES.

INDUSTRIAL LEGISLATION

UNDER LABOR, SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAS ACHIEVED THE BEST RECORD OF INDUSTRIAL PEACE IN AUSTRALIA. WITH 9% OF THE WORK-FORCE, WE HAVE ONLY 2.7% OF TIME LOST IN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

THIS IS BECAUSE WE HAVE INSISTED ON THE USE OF INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES. THEY HAVE THE PROCEDURES AND THE FACILITIES TO EFFECT THIS.

WE THEREFORE SEEK A MANDATE TO ALTER THE INDUSTRIAL CODE, TO ABOLISH CIVIL ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES IN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, AND TO ENSURE DISPUTES ARE DEALT WITH BY INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALS.

FURTHER, WE SEEK A MANDATE TO REMOVE THE PENAL PROVISIONS IN THE INDUSTRIAL CODE.

THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A HIGH LEVEL OF WORKER-MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION SHOULD OCCUR.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE PROPOSALS FOR WORKER PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT AND JOB ENRICHMENT, HAVE RECOMMENDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS AT WORKSHOP LEVEL.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL PURSUE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMMITTEES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

WE WILL ALSO INTRODUCE A SCHEME FOR LONG SERVICE LEAVE BENEFITS FOR CASUAL AND BUILDING WORKERS, BASED ON THE AGGREGATION OF THEIR SERVICE IN INDUSTRY. WE WILL AMEND THE WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A WORKER WILL RECEIVE NORMAL PAY WHILE ON WORKERS COMPENSATION.

WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN A SURVEY OF THE TRAINING NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN ALL TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT. THE REPORT WILL BE RELEASED THIS WEEK, AND WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE BASIS FOR IMPROVING TRAINING FOR INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND GOVERNMENT.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NOW LEADS THE WORLD IN CONSUMER PROTECTION. THE COMMISSIONER OF PRICES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAS POWERS TO PURSUE AT STATE EXPENSE REMEDIES FOR CONSUMERS. UNFAIR ADVERTISING, DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES, USED MOTOR VEHICLES, MISREPRESENTATION, MORTGAGES, UNSOLICITED GOODS AND SERVICES, AND MOCK AUCTIONS, HAVE NOW ALL BEEN COVERED BY LEGISLATION.

THE CONSUMER TRANSACTIONS ACT AND CONSUMER CREDIT ACT, RECENTLY PASSED BY PARLIAMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED SHORTLY, PROVIDING A CONSUMER TRANSACTIONS CHARTER IN RELATION TO THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR LESS THAN \$10,000.

IT WILL PROVIDE FOR A COMPULSORY WARRANTY OF QUALITY FOR GOODS AND IT WILL ALLOW SEVEN DAYS FOR THE RETURN OF FAULTY GOODS.

A NEW SYSTEM OF CONSUMER MORTGAGES WILL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE OLD HIRE PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS, ENSURING THAT CONSUMERS ARE FULLY PROTECTED.

PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR RELIEF FROM, OR POSTPONEMENT OF, OBLIGATIONS IN THE CASE OF SICKNESS OR UNEMPLOYMENT, AND FOR FULL

AND FRANK DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST RATES AND TERMS CHARGES.

INSURANCE

WE WILL REFORM THE LAWS RELATING TO INSURANCE TO REMOVE THE POSSIBILITY OF INSURANCE COMPANIES TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TECHNICAL BREACHES OF POLICY TO DEPRIVE THE INSURED PERSON OF PROPER COVER.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION, WHICH HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY SUCCESSFUL TO DATE, POWER WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE THE WRITING OF POLICIES ON LIFE ASSURANCE.

LAND AGENTS

THE GOVERNMENT WILL REINTRODUCE THE LAND AND BUSINESS AGENTS ACT AND WILL ENSURE THAT LAND BROKERS ARE INDEPENDENT OF LAND AGENTS IN LAND TRANSACTIONS. WE HAVE ALREADY LEGISLATED TO ENSURE THAT NO INCREASED CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC WILL OCCUR.

THE RIGHT OF PRIVACY

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PRIVACY.

LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED TO PROTECT THE CITIZEN AGAINST THE ABUSE OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN DATA BANKS OR INFORMATION STORAGES, AND TO GIVE CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY OF CHECKING AND CHALLENGING THE ACCURACY OF SUCH INFORMATION.

LEGISLATION WILL CONFER LEGAL REMEDIES ON CITIZENS FOR THEIR PROTECTION AGAINST INTRUSION INTO THEIR HOME OR BUSINESS LIVES, AND INTO THEIR PRIVACY GENERALLY.

PUBLICATIONS

THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLICATIONS DEALING WITH MATTERS OF SEX AND VIOLENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT ADULT CITIZENS SHOULD BE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS AS TO WHAT TO READ AND SEE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED AGAINST HAVING OFFENSIVE MATERIALS FORCED UPON THEM AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE FREELY THE PUBLIC STREETS AND BUSINESS PLACES OF THE CITY WITHOUT BEING EXPOSED TO OFFENSIVE MATERIALS.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO RECOGNIZES ITS OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO MAKE DECISIONS AS TO THEIR CHILDREN'S READING MATTER.

WE WILL THEREFORE INSTITUTE A RESTRICTED CLASSIFICATION FOR PUBLICATIONS DEALING WITH SEX AND VIOLENCE. A COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORISED TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS AS TO THE DISPLAY, ADVERTISING AND SALE OF SUCH MATERIALS, AND STRICT MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT SUCH RESTRICTIONS ARE COMPLIED WITH.

CREDIT UNIONS

THE GOVERNMENT WILL LEGISLATE TO PROVIDE A CHARTER FOR CREDIT UNIONS WHICH WILL FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE THEIR ACTIVITIES AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE PROPER PROTECTIONS FOR THEIR MEMBERS.

PETROL RESELLERS

WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED FOR SOME TIME AT THE FACT THAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO PAY, IN THE PRICE OF PETROL, FOR OVER-INVESTMENT BY OIL WHOLESALING COMPANIES IN UNNECESSARY SERVICE STATIONS, AND IN UNECONOMIC MARKETING PRACTICES.

WE HAVE NOTED ALSO THAT ONE-BRAND PETROL STATION LESSEES OFTEN MAKE LESS THAN THE LIVING WAGE AND ARE SUBJECTED TO INTOLERABLE ECONOMIC

PRESSURES. WE HAVE ENDEAVOURED TO ENSURE A DISINVESTMENT BY THE OIL COMPANIES IN PETROL RESELLING, ALONG WITH THE ELIMINATION OF UNECONOMIC PRACTICES, AND A BETTER PRICE TO THE CONSUMER.

HAVING BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE AGREEMENT WITH ALL THE OIL COMPANIES, THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE LICENSING OF PETROL RESELLING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA SHOULD BE INSTITUTED TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SERVICE AND BETTER PRICING STRUCTURE FOR THE CONSUMER, AND A REASONABLE RETURN TO THE RESELLER.

BUILDERS LICENSING

IN ANOTHER AREA OF LICENSING, THE BUILDERS LICENSING PROVISIONS HAVE SERVED THE STATE WELL AND HAVE SAVED MANY CITIZENS MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. HOWEVER, IN ONE AREA IT DOES APPEAR TO HAVE OPERATED SOMEWHAT UNFAIRLY.

THIS IS THE AREA OF THE BUILDING TRADESMAN WHO IS ENDEAVOURING BY SHEER HARD WORK TO TRANSFORM HIMSELF FROM A TRADESMAN INTO A GENERAL BUILDER ON A SMALL SCALE.

THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE A MODIFICATION OF THE SYSTEM TO ALLOW FOR PROVISIONAL LICENCES IN GENERAL BUILDING, FOR THE BUILDING OF HOUSES UNDER SUPERVISION BY PROVISIONAL LICENCEES WHERE THEY ARE NOT BUILDING FOR A CLIENT, BUT BUILDING ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT, SPECULATIVELY, ON THEIR OWN ACCOUNT.

THIS THEN IS THE BROAD OUTLINE OF OUR GENERAL PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

OUR RURAL POLICY WILL BE GIVEN BY THE DEPUTY PREMIER, DES CORCORAN, AT MOUNT GAMBIER ON WEDNESDAY.

AND OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS FURTHER FORMAL POLICY STATEMENTS WILL

DE MADE EXPANDING AND DETAILING MATTERS ONLY TOUCHED ON THIS EVENING.

BUT OUR RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT IS PLAIN.

LABOR WORKS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

AND WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO SO BECAUSE WE ARE UNITED, STABLE, AND COMPETENT. OUR PLANS ARE LARGE, OUR VISION FOR THE STATE EXCITING. WE KNOW IT CAN ALL HAPPEN HERE.

WE CAN MAKE THIS STATE THE ENVY OF THE NATION.

WE ASK YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR HELP, TO DO IT.
